leads the world of nations without any FARM FIGURES. reference to their greater areas or claims of higher cultivation. The American farmer pro-

In its latest bulletin the Department of Agriculture gives the total value of farm products-including cotton highest in eleven years, save 1901, when they footed up to \$651,628,331. That the world is a customer of the United States and can not be supplied as well elsewhere. if anywhere, is shown by the fact that Europe took 71 per life of his town. By the word of those about him-and cent of the cotton crop of 1903, about 159,000,000 bushels they are capable of judgment-he is the Admiral Crichton of corn, tobacco to the value of \$35,000,000, 385,000,000 of the Middle West, and they speak of him now for the pounds of beef, 551,000,000 pounds of lard and 385,000,000 pounds of pork, with butter and cheese and other products of the dairy in enormous quantities,

NO END OF WORDS.

Language is principally used for the conveying of thoughts to others, or for the hiding of the meaning of the one to the others. The English language is constituted of words. The French language consists largely of shrugs and grimaces, while the Indians fall back on signs and grunts. Russians simply sneeze, the resort to a guttered growl and the Asiatics and whine. But all this is neither here nor there when it comes to the multitude of words comprising the English language. No one can say how many not counting the ones of doubtful standing. The Springfield Republican notes that the Century dictionary contains about 225,000 words, and the new edition of the Standard dictionary lays claim to over 300,000 Of these many are obsolete, and many others are rarely Science has added a vast vocabulary of pollysyllables that are scientific formulae rather than real words. They have no place in general literature. The ordinary English vocabulary may be said to contain 30,000 to 50,000 words, the latter estimate being large. No single in something she knows nothing about and which offers writer of literature has used so many as the lower num. no field of usefulness, or beauty, or sense she is funny.

educated people is from 5,000 to 6,000, but in this case the number of words which are not used is enormously A well-read college graduate should be familiar with perhaps 100,000 words, while in the course of a year he might not use 5,000 of them in his writing or conversation. Shorthand reporters find about 2,500 word lars, which is approximately 5 per cent of the annual insigns and contractions ample for representing the words which are commonly used in public speaking.

ONE BUSINESS BAROMETER FALLING.

The gross earnings of twenty-five railroads for the week in May, according to the United States Inwere \$5,791,898, against \$5,991,178 for the second May, 1903, a decrease of \$199,280. Eleven roads eases and fourteen decreases. Since July 1, referred to above earned \$289,431,320, an increase of \$13,880,094 over the \$275,551,216 reported for the corresponding period of last year. For the longer period eighteen roads show increases and seven decreases.

WATTERSON BOTTLED UP

Henri Watterson is receiving broadsides from heavy ordnance and light artillery at every turn; a perfect fusillade of editorial shot and shell in the way of ready replies to his St. Louis explosion, Watterson got into waters full of floating mines and of torpedo boats. The Topeka Herald, in reproducing The Eagle's criticism of the versatile Kentuckian, the brilliant exercist of the "Star-eved Goddess," endorses our views after this manner:

"When Colonel Murdock read Henry Watterson's address at St. Louis last week his temperature went up to 150, his pulse beat 200, the wind blew through his of gathering statistics of special classes of population. conduct. But he finally settled down to business and handed the Kentuckian a solid shot which will keep him for some time to come. Watterson's talk about the de-Colonel Murdock's editorial he will probably be willing trusts in this offer, to admit that the editorial page cuts more ice than he thought it did. Here is The Eagle's very strong editorial, It states the case very clearly and forcibly and carries with it the conviction that the reputation of the Courier-Journal, due to Watterson's own editorial work is the strongest proof of the value and influence of an editorial page in the estimation of the reading public "

OLD MAIDS, YOUNG GIRLS AND CATS.

As a rule only young girls and old maids are found lavishing their love on cats. Young girls gush over kittens, and old maids direct a steady stream of deep-down affection ever in the direction of the purring tabby, whether located in the corner, on the chair or beside the fire place. The age of the cat or maid never mars or dissevers the chord of confidence which bind their lives so

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, when a child, was very fond of cats. The household protested against the frequency with which she brought friendless and ailing felines into the home for shelter and protection. The forbidding the use of private mailing cards after July 1 family of Mrs. Burnett were not in prosperous circumstances, having emigrated from England in the hope of bettering their fortunes. At a crisis in their affairs the little girl came in one day, followed, as usual, by a forfamily, on the qui vive to hear the good news which she with "I regret to report." announced she had for them, waited impatiently for her to communicate it. "Good luck has come at last," cried Frances; "a black cat has followed me home this time."

GROVER. WILLIAM OR THEODORE.

Here is a true story about a governor, says "The Tip of the Tongue" man in the New York Press. Some fifty important men appeared before him to urge the veto of a certain measure, and, after long pleadings, it looked as if they would win the day. It was apparent that he was weakening. The pressure was terrific. Away over and too many weeds between them, in a corner of the room stood three so-called statesmen. whose interest had so far flagged that they were telling anecdotes, and paying not the slightest attention to the proceedings. The buzz and hum which had drowned their talk suddenly ceased for a moment, and the voice of one was heard to say, "political sticide." The phrase was in his anecdote, mind you, but it rang in the governor's while for an unsound man Bryan sounds continuously

decide what to do. "Political suicide." "political suicide.." he repeated mentally all through the night, and early in the morning got up and signed the bill. That governor BEWILDERING In field products the United States afterward became president of the United States. You can't guess who he was. A veto would have killed him,

PRESIDENT FRANCIS' STRONG POINTS.

Alfred Henry Lewis, in his estimate of Hon. David R. duces more per farm hand per capita than does the Francis as an all-around superiorly equipped man of atfarmer of any other country, the question of acreage aside. Mirs and as an art devotee declares that one has no right to say that when the Hon. David R. Francis declares for art, literature and music, and claims a love for them that the declaration and the claim are affectations. And yet -at \$4.500,000,000 for 1903, while the total exported farm so distinctly is he a man of action that it is as though a products, not including cotton, were \$878,479,451, the twelve-inch gun took one into its confidence and told one that it too loved art, literature and music. Still one must not fight a record with a guess. Mr. Francis stands of his own choice for all that is elevated refined and doubledistilled in the higher social ,literary, musical and artistic Democratic presidential nomination.

A POSER FOR ROOSEVELT.

An English vicar, in the London Mail, holds that race suicide, against which Roosevelt protests, and that racial degeneration are inevitable because of economic conditions and of social demands. This vicar asserts that a married man without children is in all points better off than his cellbate brother, but a married man with a large family, unless he enjoys a lucrative income, undergoes never-ending troubles. He is disliked as a lodger; finds difficulties if an occupier in renting a house; if a clerk he trembles at the menaces of his employer; if a curate he has the delicious prospect of the workhouse as his bourne. He is pursued by the grim wolves of sordid poverty; he has to surrender all the social pleasures and amenities of life.

In these circumstances in a thoroughly unbelieving and materialistic age, whose idol is social ease and money, he is afraid degeneration can only go from bad

THE FUNNY CLUB WOMAN.

Atchison Globe: "The club woman may not know it, but she is very funny. The women who are meeting in in those parts. St. Louis, and adopting rules for governing women's clubs, go about their work very seriously, but they do not realize how funny they are. A woman is always adorable when acting as a woman should, but when she engages "The General Federation of Women's clubs meeting in

St. Louis concluded their ridiculous proceedings yester-The common estimate of the average vocabulary of day by adopting anti-divorce resolutions. Still, trailing across the country and leaving home and husband behind, is just the thing that puts notions of divorce into a

WHO OWNS THE RAILWAYS?

It is estimated that only about eighty-five million dolcome of our railways, goes to foreign investors. There are not far from 1,000,000 owners of railway stocks and bonds. Of the remaining 95 per cent, \$1,684,447,408, 40 per cent is divided among the owners of the stocks and bonds, and 60 per cent among 1.189.315 employes. Counting the families supported by the holders of securities and employes, over 10,000,000 people share in the rail-

The druggists of Kansas have been holding a state convention in Leavenworth this week. Topeka is the place, par excellence, for the meeting of drug store men. What Topeka drug store proprietors don't know about the most profitable line of liquids to carry in stock are hardly worth prescribing.

Datto Ali, the Moro, who permitted his Mindanaes to waylay and murder two American lieutenants and fif teen soldiers should be summarily squelched. These semi-savages must be taught that they are not dealing with Spain but with a government which makes civilized and enlightened men of there

Mr. Schwab, the bulgy-eyed promoter, who a year ago was chartering trains and bucking the bank of Monte Carlo has been gently swabbed out of the columns of the newspaper and unconditionally wiped from the public

The United States census bureau has begun the work whiskers at the rate of ninety miles an hour, and there including penitentiaries, almshouses, insane asylums, etc. were other signs of excitement plainly apparent in his Director North has appointed about 7,000 special agents

If the Democrats nominate Judge Parker, a contribucadence of the editorial page of the daily newspaper was tion of \$5,000,000 is promised by August Belmont to the nonsense pure and simple. When he finishes reading party fund. Colonel Bryan will surely see the hand of the

> The admirer of the dumb sage of Esopus claims that Parker will be nominated on the first ballot. One thing is certain, if he is nominated he will have nothing to

> The original warrant for the apprehension of John Bunyan, which led to his being clapped in Bedford jail, where he wrote his Pilgrim's Progress, has been auctioned

The late French shareholders in the Panama canal have gone back to champagne as the regular drink in month. toasting the financial and business integrity of Uncle

Mr. Bryan announces that he will go to the St. Louis "obscure" allusion any reference to the color of the horse which he thinks will win, we wonder. convention as an obscure and private citizen. Has his which he thinks will win, we wonder,

The Postoffice Department has made a special ruling next. The department has authorized postmasters to accept the cards up to that date at the usual rates.

Kuropatkin still continues to do considerable shooting, lorn-looking kitten. She was nil excitement, and the but it is principally with his mouth, which seems loaded

> James J. Hill, the many-millioned railway man, has given \$1,000,000 for a Catholic cathedral at St. Paul, Min., and Mr. Hill a Protestant. and Mr. Hill a Protestant.

Our exports for the nine months of the fiscal year ending in March amounted to \$1,167,760,069, the largest value ever recorded in a similar period.

So far in Kansas this spring has proved unfavorable for listed corn. Too much standing water in the rows

A New York artist has, after much research, concluded that Mrs. Noah's costume during her voyage in the ark consisted of a mackintosh and gum shoes.

For a sound man Parker does precious little sounding.

KANSAS HISTORY REVEALS THAT

IN 1839, FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY:-Horace Greeley was on Pipe Creek. In an overland letter written on the plains, Mr. Greeley said: "I believe I have now descended the ladder of artificial life nearly to its lowest round. If the Cheyennes-thirty of whom stopped the last express down on the route we must traverse, and tried to beg or steal from it-should see fit to capture and strip uld of course have no further experience in the same line; but for the present, the progress I have made during the last fortnight towards the primitive implicity of human existence may be roughly noted thus: "May 13-Chicago.-Chocolate and morning newspapers last seen on the break-

fast table "May 23-Leavenworth.-Room-bells and baths make their last appearance.

"May 24-Topeka.-Beefsteak and wash-bowls (other than tin) last visible. Barber ditto.

"May 28-Manhattan.-Potatoes and eggs last recognized among the blessings that brighten as they take their flight. May II-Junction City,-Last visitation of a boot-black, with dissolving views

broad bed-room. Chairs bid us good-bye. "May 23-Pine Creek.-Benches for seats at meals have disappeared giving place to bags and boxes. We (two passengers of a scribbling turn) write our letters in the express wagon that has borne us by day, and must supply us lodg-

IN 1874, THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY:-Chas. Saunders, colored, died from bullet wound inflicted by a Texan named Ramsey, on North Main street, at Wichita. Ramsey was surrounded by a posse of friends and safely conducted

IN 1884, TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY:- The state Democratic convention met at Topeka. The delegates chosen were for Tilden and Hendricks for president and vice-president.

IN 1894, TEN YEARS AGO TODAY:-Three companies of military were or-dered from Fort Leavenworth to McAlester, I. T., to suppress strike troubles at the

THE PIKERS' LAMENT

Fortune makes folly her peculiar care."-Churchill.

"If the divorce law becomes tabooed," sarcastically declares a Wichita woman, "there will be more money left to bestow on that nice little girl, and not so

"Todd's sick a-bed, threatened with nervous prostration.

"Why, what's the matter?"
"Well, you see, he predicted it would rain Thursday, and it did. Now he's worried to death, for he doesn't know what to expect next."

Rumors from the Orient are hot enough to re-awaken interest in the alleged wa

A father of much experience says: "Wash a baby clean and dress him up real pretty, and he will resist all adhalf an hour, and he will nestle his dear little dirty face close up to your clean shirt bosom and be just the lovingest, cunningest little rascal in the world."

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Said the classical editor, yesterday: "That egg curiosity described in Friday's Piker column wasn't a bit worse deformed than the doggerel which followed it. For tunately such monstrosities won't hatch."
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The discussion going on about union of

churches and the race question leads one to wonder what will happen in the great future for immortals. Will there be Jim Crow cars and quarrelsome pulpits in

a man, and an insect will sting a man, yet the human race deems itself superior

"My mamma told me not to ask you for any candy, and I'm not going to." said the little girl who had been sent to the corner grocery store to make some purchases, as she looked wistfully at the "So sorry to b glass jars of aweet foods sitting on a

The Eagle's cub reporter came near striking Thursday afternoon when he was assigned the job of walking through the heavy rain to the weather offices in the

Sedgwick block for the purpose of get-ting the forecast for the morrow. (I.-|-|..B The cub reporter is responsible for the in currency lost by the express messen-ger, he would have buried it. About two months later he would purchase mobile and quit his job.

TATTLE.

VERSION. Xenocrates, the Two philosophers philosopher, attended a lecture wherehad a discussion in which the first

it free from moths during the summer months.

wearing her seal-skin coat. Her friends

THE OLD STORY. "Can you change a five-dollar bill for me?" asked a young woman in a North Main street store one day this week.
"I am sorry, but I cannot." answered

the clerk. "Very well," sweetly replied his customer, and, after a few minutes spent in thought, she purchased a package of fivecent envelopes and offered the bill in payment. The disgusted clerk took the bill and stepped out next door to get the change. When he returned he handed the change. the change. the young lady the money in a very un-"So sorry to have troubled you,"

ormured as she left the store with her

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES

It is reported that the city of Prague has passed an ordinance providing a fine for women who wear trains on the streets or in public places. The board of health recommended the measure.

The newspaper issues this week are devoted mainly to roasts of the interroga-tion point editors who went with the association to St. Louis.

Edmond should arrange it so that it can celebrate all at one time, its incor-poration and Fourth of July.

A tramp appeared on a farm near Home stead, Sunday, and shortly after a watch and razor disappeared. Medford will vote on a \$2,500 school bond

position Tuesday. Up until this week the Kingfisher pa-pers have treated Charlie Smith pretty well. This week, not a single one put im on the Decoration day program.

There were nine graduates from the colored grammar schools of Hennessey.

A woman's club entertained the public school teachers of Hennessey last Friday evening. Some one is worthly of much commendation for her thoughtfulness. Ex-Delegate J. Y. Callahan is running

the "soup house" in connection with the Oklahoma camp at St. Louis. This camp a plat of ground with tents for rent

Newkirk's Commercial club was a week old Thursday, and thriving. Jerre Johnson is secretary.

C. O. Smith has sold the Medford Star to Frank Bowser, of Walde, Kan. Smith didn't have the paper long enough to find out the location of the office towel.

Two Dover citizens printed an apology a stick in length over their signatures in the News this week. They ask to be for-given for loud and bolsterous talk and uct on a certain evening of this

Dover has a club called the "Never Sweats." It can't be a very "hot num-Sweats." It ber," surely.

The Catholic church now under con-

Ben Lloyd is called "The Cicero of Hen-

Seven additions were made to the Christian church at Newkirk last Sunday at regular services. Will Oliver brothers take the hint?

Newkirk fared as well as most other territorial towns. Admiral Schley passed through there. That Guatemala ant that is said to

destroy the boll weevil should be set to work at ence in Okiahoma and the other ione its work thoroughly?

Shawnee News: The depot at Calvin, east of here, on the Choctaw, was robbed last night. A young man about 18 is suspected of being the thief as he had been lottering around the place for sev-eral days, but he escaped. The amount taken was not large.

Okianoman "the leading" Democratic pa-per in the territory. Now, who does Purcell expect to pay for the drinks at

Born-To Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson, of Woods county, twin boys. With support increasing at home the way it

KANSAS CUREENTS

And now the weather man has the farmers knocking on mm.

Joseph Kottman, an early settler of Leavenworth county, died at the city Wednesday. He was born in Prussia.

The salaries of the postmasters at Winfield and Wellington will be increased from \$2,500 to \$2,500, and from \$2,300 to \$2,300 respectively. Guess the campaign committee would better make a re-assess-

Miss Hanna Wetzig was nominated for county superintendent by the Riley county Republicans. It is pleaded that this is Riley county Republicans' first of-

The women of El Dorado cannot take their husbands in hand too soon. Only Wednesday a soda fountain opening was given in that town.

Eight ended their work in commence-ment at the Halstead High school exer-The Reno County Fair association will

offer a prize of two dollars a bushel for the best twenty-five bushels of corn and one dollar for the second best, brought

In citing the great number of people at the Hutchinson carnival, the News says the street cars were crowded. Did you ever see a Hutchinson street car?

The Sedgwick Pantagraph calls him "Col. Will Morgan." The editor explains in another paragraph that going to the Werld's Fair makes a fellow on his return feel fussy.

One hundred and two children of the St. Mary's parish at Newton were ad-ministered the Holy Communion Thurs-Bishop Hennessy, of Wichita, co

The Conway Springs Star wants the town flag hung at half most when the

Six veterans have died in Kingman eince last Decoration day. It is the high-est mortality since the cemetery was The convention of the Arkaneas valley

branch of the Young People's Christia Union of the United Brethren churc will be in session next week at Hutchio son. The name of the doings is preti-long, but all editors, just the same, should be thankful. Think if it were in Eus-

Kingman hopes to have a new flor mill to replace that one destroyed by fire in time to keep some of the wheat har-vested this fall at home.

An insurance agent at Conway Springs offers to donate \$.00 toward the of a much needed new school citizens of that town and vicinit will take and pay the first yearly mium on life insurance in his company policies to aggregate \$1000,000 within four Conway Springs now has a diamond

femred stand.

Everett Purcell calls the Oklahom's City

Well' is a headline in a McFherson paper. Unifortunately, however, McFherson hasn't even
struck gas saint, this being only a notice
of a candidate's campaign.

Winfield was after the next meeting of the Dunkards' national convention but failed to get it. It has been promised first consideration whenever the West in

The Kansus crop of graduates this year has in the last six months, Jesse Dunn is large, but there will be room in the can hardly afford to refuse the Demo- wheat fields for all Yale and Harvard cratic congressional nomination. NOTICE: This Store Closed All Day Monday, Decoration Day

The Fourth and Last Day of This Annual Sale of Summer Underwear

Do not let today slip by. Supply your entire summer wants. Every price in today's fifteen offerings will accord you a readily recognized saving. Six renewed specials from our wonderfully large reserve. 43c 4c, 71c, 10c, 121c, 39c and.....

Extra Salepeople.

Today Special Colored Umbrellas

Regular \$2.50 Fine Twilled Silk Umbrellas, in wine, blue, green and brown; all made with boxwood and furze handles; tassel trimmed; fifty in this lot. Today, choice.....

Extreme North Window.

National Flag Ribbons and Red, White and Blue Bar Stripes,

sell regularly up to 15c. While they I ast, yard.

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Our Clothing Sells at Profit

Some of Wichita's shrewdest men are paying us \$20 for our \$20 Suits and \$25 for our \$25 Suits. Just use your judgment and do your own thinking. You do not expect something for nothing, nor did you ever get it, even at those "enormous and most daring cut price sales." Our stock of Clothing, Furnishings and Hats ts bright and new-the kind that the live boy or man of today wants to wear. Our \$15 Suits were not marked \$20 for a special convenience, but were marked \$15 and are sold at \$15 because they are worth it to the men who wear them. Hence we have no "over-stock" of "over-marked" goods. We offer you, at reasonable prices, New, Stylish Clothing, made by such people as Rogers, Peet & Co. and Crouse & Brandegee, the names tlone conveying a positive guarantee of excellence. Can we do business with you on the American plan?

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If you want something delicious, try our Chocolate and Vanilla Fudge; put up in fancy boxes. Also

Delicious Soft and Hard Candies, all flavors.

SOMETHING

NEW

Have you seen our beautiful SOUVENIRS in the natural wood and shell novelties? Calendars, Ink Stands, Smoking Sets, Match Safes, Darning Cases, all stamped "Wichita, Kansas," These would be cheap at 25c, but we offer you any of these at-

10c

Upen for the Season

The Genda Hotel now open for the season. Come down, drink, baths and be cured of those old Rheumatic Pales Cures any case-helps everybody. To get there quick take Santa Fe, 6 o'cleck a. m. train to Arkan ans City, take mail route wagen to Genda, arrive at 16:30; or take 6 a m. Book Island to Culdwell, arrive at 11:50 m. m. or take 11:50 Missouri Pacific to Winfield, Prisco to Geuda, arrive 4.8. Not so had,

J. L. TUTTLE, Prop.

J. T. DORSEY, Mgr.

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